

CONTENTMENT & AMBITION

1 Timothy 6:6



AMBITION
CONTENTMENT

WHAT CONTENTMENT IS

- There are several words translated “content” in the New Testament (Lk. 3:14; 2 Cor. 12:10; 1 Tim. 6:6).
- We see this contentment in God from the beginning (Gen. 1:31).
- This is learned behavior for us (Phil. 4:11).
- It is possible when even basic needs are unmet (Phil. 4:12; Lk. 12:23; Jn. 4:32-34).
- Ingratitude and covetousness are its opposites.



WHAT CONTENTMENT IS NOT

- Godly contentment is not just any satisfaction (2 Thess. 2:12; Lk. 9:25; Psa. 16:5; 73:26).
- It is not a lack of awareness of want (Phil. 4:11-12; 2 Cor. 12:10).
- It is not a disdain of blessings (1 Tim. 4:4-5).



A QUESTION OF FOCUS

- There is an ambition which destroys everything in its wake (Jas. 3:13-4:10).
- Then there is an ambition which makes everything in its wake better (2 Cor. 5:9; 1 Thess. 4:11-12; Rom. 2:7-8).
- This is the true test of contentment. Can you labor quietly with the talents that you have and be content with God to give the increase (or not) according to His good will (1 Cor. 7:29-31)?

